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In re Patent Application of:  
Masaki Katayama et al.

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For: AUDIO APPARATUS, CONTROLLER,  
AUDIO SYSTEM, AND METHOD OF  
CONTROLLING AUDIO APPARATUS

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is an RCE submission and is in response to the Office Action dated August 30, 2004. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

**FEE CALCULATION**

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

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Total	6	- 20* =	0	x	0.00
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